

Multimedia Appendix 8. Accuracy metrics for the 2010-2011 (flu outbreak period for which the best estimates were obtained with all models) and 2013-2014 (flu outbreak period for which the worst estimates were obtained with all models) seasons. PCC and MSE for the global period (Global) and mean values (Means) of all indicators for each model during the epidemic periods. In bold, the best results for each dataset. a. Data for the whole France. b. Data for the Brittany region.

| a. National            | 2010-2011   |             |      |    | 2013-2014   |             |    |    | Global       |             | Means       |             |     |     |      |      |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|------|----|-------------|-------------|----|----|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----|-----|------|------|
|                        | PCC         | MSE         | ΔH   | ΔL | PCC         | MSE         | ΔH | ΔL | PCC          | MSE         | PCC         | MSE         | ΔH  | ΔH  | ΔL   | ΔL   |
| <b>eHOP Custom</b>     |             |             |      |    |             |             |    |    |              |             |             |             |     |     |      |      |
| RF                     | 0.95        | 4119        | 50   | 2  | 0.86        | 3664        | 30 | 1  | 0.947        | 2292        | 0.9         | 6916        | -22 | 72  | 1.33 | 1.33 |
| SVM                    | 0.97        | 1932        | -8   | 1  | <b>0.95</b> | <b>996</b>  | 19 | 1  | <b>0.98</b>  | <b>866</b>  | 0.96        | 2716        | 6   | 19  | 0.83 | 0.83 |
| Elastic+Arma           | <b>0.98</b> | <b>1222</b> | 23   | 1  | 0.95        | 1145        | 27 | 1  | 0.98         | 872         | <b>0.96</b> | <b>2664</b> | 26  | 30  | 0.66 | 0.66 |
| <b>Google Custom</b>   |             |             |      |    |             |             |    |    |              |             |             |             |     |     |      |      |
| RF                     | 0.89        | 6476        | -112 | 5  | 0.87        | 2651        | 27 | 1  | 0.937        | 2607        | 0.87        | 9139        | -76 | 94  | 2    | 2    |
| SVM                    | 0.96        | 2815        | 16   | 1  | 0.91        | 1711        | 43 | 1  | <b>0.977</b> | <b>968</b>  | <b>0.95</b> | <b>3348</b> | 21  | 23  | 0.66 | 0.66 |
| Elastic+Arma           | <b>0.96</b> | <b>2394</b> | 35   | 1  | <b>0.92</b> | <b>1664</b> | 55 | 1  | 0.977        | 988         | 0.95        | 3352        | 44  | 44  | 0.83 | 0.83 |
| <b>eHOP Complete</b>   |             |             |      |    |             |             |    |    |              |             |             |             |     |     |      |      |
| RF                     | 0.96        | 3121        | 54   | 1  | 0.86        | 10518       | 83 | -1 | 0.954        | 2148        | 0.9         | 7597        | -24 | 75  | -0.2 | 1.5  |
| SVM                    | <b>0.95</b> | <b>3046</b> | 66   | 4  | 0.94        | 2234        | 49 | 1  | <b>0.972</b> | <b>1173</b> | <b>0.95</b> | <b>3469</b> | 46  | 57  | 1.2  | 1.2  |
| Elastic+Arma           | 0.94        | 7387        | 254  | 0  | <b>0.94</b> | <b>1730</b> | 48 | 1  | 0.97         | 1427        | 0.95        | 4634        | 95  | 101 | 0.33 | 0.66 |
| <b>Google Complete</b> |             |             |      |    |             |             |    |    |              |             |             |             |     |     |      |      |
| RF                     | 0.95        | 2743        | 23   | 0  | 0.93        | 4931        | 84 | 1  | 0.963        | 1706        | 0.94        | 5764        | -14 | 70  | 0.66 | 0.66 |
| SVM                    | 0.95        | 2671        | 12   | 3  | 0.92        | <b>1564</b> | 56 | 1  | 0.974        | 1192        | <b>0.96</b> | <b>2805</b> | 37  | 49  | 0.8  | 0.8  |
| Elastic+Arma           | <b>0.96</b> | <b>2153</b> | 6    | 1  | <b>0.95</b> | 2511        | 85 | 1  | <b>0.978</b> | <b>1057</b> | 0.96        | 2967        | 39  | 38  | 0.66 | 0.66 |
| <b>b. Regional</b>     |             |             |      |    |             |             |    |    |              |             |             |             |     |     |      |      |
| b. Regional            | 2010-2011   |             |      |    | 2013-2014   |             |    |    | Global       |             | Means       |             |     |     |      |      |
|                        | PCC         | MSE         | ΔH   | ΔL | PCC         | MSE         | ΔH | ΔL | PCC          | MSE         | PCC         | MSE         | ΔH  | ΔH  | ΔL   | ΔL   |
| <b>eHOP Custom</b>     |             |             |      |    |             |             |    |    |              |             |             |             |     |     |      |      |
| RF                     | 0.91        | 5796        | -29  | -1 | 0.65        | 4577        | -4 | 1  | 0.911        | 2777        | 0.84        | 6929        | -40 | 42  | -0.2 | 1.5  |
| SVM                    | 0.92        | 5502        | -53  | 1  | <b>0.76</b> | <b>2477</b> | -  | 1  | <b>0.923</b> | <b>2364</b> | <b>0.86</b> | <b>6050</b> | -60 | 60  | 0.3  | 1    |
| Elastic+Arma           | <b>0.92</b> | <b>4689</b> | -28  | 0  | 0.71        | 2855        | -  | 1  | 0.918        | 2451        | 0.84        | 5999        | -32 | 38  | 0.3  | 0.7  |
| <b>Google Custom</b>   |             |             |      |    |             |             |    |    |              |             |             |             |     |     |      |      |
| RF                     | 0.86        | 7706        | -9   | 0  | 0.7         | 2887        | -  | 1  | 0.897        | 3221        | 0.80        | 9598        | -25 | 32  | 1.2  | 2.2  |
| SVM                    | 0.91        | 6010        | -71  | 0  | 0.65        | 3247        | -  | 1  | <b>0.902</b> | <b>2903</b> | 0.80        | 7844        | -34 | 43  | 0.7  | 0.7  |
| Elastic+Arma           | <b>0.91</b> | <b>5494</b> | -58  | 0  | <b>0.74</b> | <b>2637</b> | -  | 1  | 0.9          | 3021        | <b>0.81</b> | <b>7446</b> | -16 | 54  | 0.8  | 0.8  |
| <b>eHOP Complete</b>   |             |             |      |    |             |             |    |    |              |             |             |             |     |     |      |      |
| RF                     | <b>0.92</b> | <b>4263</b> | -40  | 0  | 0.65        | 9735        | 26 | 1  | 0.914        | 2906        | <b>0.86</b> | 7423        | -32 | 46  | 0.3  | 0.7  |
| SVM                    | 0.89        | 7682        | 69   | 3  | <b>0.74</b> | <b>4851</b> | 24 | 1  | 0.911        | 2756        | 0.85        | 6819        | 7   | 55  | 1.2  | 1.5  |
| Elastic+Arma           | 0.9         | 5740        | -2   | 1  | 0.66        | 3677        | 7  | 1  | <b>0.917</b> | <b>2483</b> | 0.83        | <b>5893</b> | -19 | 37  | 0.8  | 1.2  |
| <b>Google Complete</b> |             |             |      |    |             |             |    |    |              |             |             |             |     |     |      |      |
| RF                     | <b>0.92</b> | <b>4650</b> | -80  | 0  | 0.63        | 5955        | -9 | 2  | <b>0.912</b> | <b>2736</b> | <b>0.83</b> | <b>7122</b> | -62 | 62  | 0.7  | 1.7  |
| SVM                    | 0.84        | 8664        | -97  | 1  | 0.56        | 4735        | -  | -1 | 0.890        | 3348        | 0.70        | 9137        | -52 | 59  | 0    | 1.67 |
| Elastic+Arma           | 0.89        | 6455        | -63  | 1  | <b>0.78</b> | <b>2113</b> | -  | 1  | 0.903        | 2967        | 0.79        | 7239        | -31 | 32  | 0.7  | 1    |